

ON THE HORIZON

October 2014

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Don't Miss Our Next Membership Meeting October 15, 2014 at 1930 (7:30 PM)

Captain John Hamil of the Association of Maryland Pilots. At BYC—This will be a pitch-in meeting so please bring something to share.

COMMANDER



Boy we've been having fun this year. It seems we were so busy the summer just flew by. But there is a lot more just around the corner.

It's officially autumn and the summer boating season is pretty well wrapped up. However there are still plenty of boating and boat related activities going on. There is so much to do that you will have trouble taking it all in.

On Columbus Day weekend we have the D5 sail regatta, fishing tournament and fall festival. Whether you like to sail or fish you need to sign up now and get out on the water that weekend. There are plenty of activities for land lubbers to take part in too. See the activity forms in this issue. Fill it out and send it in!

Just a few days later, on October 15th, we'll have our regular membership meeting with Captain John Hamil of the Association of Maryland Pilots. This will be a great chance to learn about what a pilot actually does and how they interact with recreational boaters. This will be a pitch in meeting so we'd like everyone to bring a dish to share.

After the presentation we'll take a break to share the goodies before starting the business part of the meeting.

October 24th-26th is the D5 Fall education conference at Smith Mountain Lake. There is always a lot going on there and a chance to get caught up on the latest in boating safety and education.

It's merit mark time. Merit marks are the way the squadron recognizes it's members for contributing to the goals of USPS. This could be teaching a course, holding a position within the squadron or simply helping at meetings and rendezvous. A member can only receive one merit mark per year. It is an honor to receive one and those members who have received many over the years have really shown a dedication to safe boating.

It's not terribly difficult to receive a merit mark but they do look for actual hours contributed. If you are not quite there yet we have some great opportunities to get those hours in—See the help wanted section below.

Respectfully submitted,
Commander John L. Hall, AP

HELP WANTED

October 11-13 D5 Fall Festival, Sail Regatta and Fishing tournament. Contact P/D/C Bernard Karpers at 410-456-5534.

October 18th Baltimore Yacht Club Commodores Ball. Honor Guard needed. Please contact Cdr John Hall.

October 9-13 Annapolis Sail boat Show, October 16-19 Annapolis Power boat show—Please contact Kathy Nash at kmnash1@verizon.net

2014-2015 BRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Greetings members of the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron.

I want to thank P/C Walter Neese, SN for attending the 2014 Governing Board meeting of the United States Power Squadrons in Arlington, Virginia in September. Walter gave a great report at our last meeting, especially about the on-the-water simulators that National has bought. Perhaps we can get one of these training devices to use at the Baltimore Boat Show on January 23-26, 2015.

Please sign up with PDC Bernie Karpers, N to help at the upcoming District 5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival. Our squadron is the host this year, so we need lots of help! The Sail Regatta and Fall Festival will take place from Saturday, October 11th through Monday, October 13th at Baltimore Yacht Club. Bernie needs people to meet boats when they arrive at the piers, to work at the registra-

tion table, and to make sure everyone is in the right place at the right time. Bernie and Kathy are doing a great job organizing this event, but we all need to give them a hand.

Don't forget that D/Lt Rolf Stuenes, JN is still doing geodetic surveys and can even schedule one in your neighborhood. Please call Rolf to volunteer a few hours. It is useful and fun work that you will find very interesting.

Thank you again to Twila Nahama, AP, and all our Vessel Safety Checkers for doing so well with our vessel safety checks this season.

Respectfully Submitted,
P/C Ken Finck, AP
Executive Officer

TREASURER'S REPORT



I am concerned that we are not retaining the members that are being offered a free membership after attending the basic boating course. Most of the people that are given the free membership never follow up on the offer or even attend a meeting to learn what we are all about. As a result, we are carrying them as non-paid and it appears as if our membership is declining. Somehow, we must find a way to bring new members into the Squadron in order to assure our longevity.

Once again I would like to remind the membership to sub-mit receipts for purchases made for the Squadron. Also, please use the Squadron's tax exempt number for SQUADRON purchases only. You may contact me for the number.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Richard D. Bussey,
Treasurer

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



Instructor Development Course:

Congratulations to Robert Crimmins who has passed the course!!!!!!!

Marine Weather Forecasting:

Last month we talked about an on-line course – Weather for Boaters.

This month there is a seminar On Marine Weather Forecasting - a joint USPS / NOAA Seminar.

WHEN: 23 September 2014 at 2000 EDT

WHERE: Hosted Webinar in the comfort of your own home

SPEAKERS:

Joe Sienkiewicz
Chief, Ocean Application Branch
Ocean Prediction Center
National Weather Service

Bob Anderson
USPS Marine Environment Committee

COST: \$20.00

This marine weather forecasting seminar will focus on the 500 mb chart and will appeal particularly to coastal and offshore cruisers. The seminar will last approximately one hour and the cost will include:

- a downloadable seminar guide; and the PowerPoint slide presentation; and
- a copy of Mariner's Guide to the 500-millibar Chart

To Register for the Webinar, go to: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6598327968684479490>

MELP - 2015:

The Rectory School in Pomfret, CT has received to "Go Ahead" their 2015 "March Experimental Learning Program". They will be offering ABC to a group of 12-15 middle school aged children (and 2 chaperones).

We will be teaching 2 classes covering 2 chapters a class, with the final exam at the end of the second class.

Classes will be held at the Holiday Inn in th Inner Harbor - 301 W Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21201.

They have 5 days, so they are hoping to include a day at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and another at the National Aquarium.

Please contact me if you would like to participate and help.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C J. Streett Broadbent, AP – SEO

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- Free Education
- Tax Deduction on Dues and some Travel Expenses
- GPS for Mariners
- Discounts on Computer Software and Hardware
- USPS Boat Insurance Program with discounts up to 38%
- Reduced Membership Dues with Boat US and all their Programs
- USPS Port Captains
- Liaison with governmental agencies - Web site
- *The Ensign® Magazine*
- The Compass - Electronic Newsletter 40% Discount from Soundings Magazine
- Discount on Coastal Explorer - Computer Navigation Software from Rose Point
- Discounts on Nobeltec Navigation Software
- 52% Discount with Pyrocool Fire Suppression in Aerosol
- Cooperative Charting, Vessel Safety Check, and Special Programs
- C-MAP Member and Squadron Discounts
- McGraw Hill On-line Store - Discounted Books
- Discounts with Hamilton Marine, a Discount Marine Store
- Rigid Boats / Frigid Rigid- all products 10% discount off retail
- Highway Mariners, Discounts at "RV Park of Choice" located near GB venue
- CVS Photo Business Account Program
- Maritech Industries - Offers Variety of Essential Boating Gear Discounted
- Weems & Plath On-line Discount Store - 25%
- MetLife Auto & Home Insurance w/ special group rates and discounts
- USPS Vacation Center
- LifeLock Identity Theft Protection - special offer & 10 % off
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- FilterGauge offers discounts
- SmartPlug discounted for your shore power needs.
- Sea Tow offers discounts to USPS members.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



On the Hard – not yet!

According to Wikipedia's *Glossary of Nautical Terms*, "on the hard" describes "a boat that has been hauled and is now sitting on dry land." I hope that none of our vessels is yet on the hard! For me, the fall is the very best time for boating, and for the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron, there is still much cruising to be done.

Last Cruise of Summer

A bit after the autumnal equinox, our Last Cruise of Summer is scheduled for Friday, September 26 through Sunday, September 28, 2014. Our destination is the Georgetown Yacht Basin and Granary Marina on the Sassafras River. On Saturday, we'll enjoy cocktails on the beach at 4:00 p.m., dinner at the Granary Restaurant at 6:00 p.m., and a sing-a-long with Brooks Riley and the Dundalk Nightingales at 8:00 p.m. On Sunday, a pancake breakfast, with real maple syrup and lots of bacon, will send everyone on his or her way home, whether by land or sea. We sure hold you'll be there!

Frostbite Cruise

Then, for the truly hardy, we'll be cruising up the Chester

River for Downrigging Weekend on Friday, October 31 through Sunday, November 2. This annual event is the perfect time to visit historic and very beautiful Chestertown, with the trees aglow in autumn colors, illuminated tall ships, street parties, wine tastings, and even fireworks. Be sure to let me know if you'll be coming.

Our October 15th Meeting

You won't want to miss our October membership meeting when our speaker will be Captain John Hamill of The Association of Maryland Pilots. By law, every ship that enters Maryland waters must have a state-licensed pilot at its helm, steering the ship into port. This means that every seagoing vessel bound for Baltimore must be met by a pilot at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, where the pilot takes command of the ship, steering it through the deep-water channel - often with clearance of less than three feet! Come hear about the life of a Chesapeake Bay pilot.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Douglas B. Riley, AP

Administrative Officer



SECRETARY'S REPORT



In my last column I wrote that Susan and I were about to embark on a weeklong Chesapeake sailing voyage, with possible stops being the Wye River, St. Michaels, the Little Choptank or Solomons. Plans being what they are and sailing being what it is, we made it to exactly none of those places. Instead we had to "settle" for visits to Bodkin Creek, the West River, Tilghman Island and Harness Creek. When it comes to spending a night at anchor, I can think of few places as peaceful and beautiful as the three places where we did "set the hook": Bodkin Creek, the West River at Galesville and Harness Creek on the South River. As it turns out, all three were indeed beautiful, and two were very much peaceful.

The one wrinkle came during the night in West River when a "pop up" storm gave us a few minutes of VERY heavy winds that pushed us around quite violently. We learned some valuable lessons that night that sometimes can only be learned from experience. I'll save the details for a possible article in a future edition of On the Horizon or will share them with anyone willing to listen; perhaps at the Last Cruise of Summer at Georgetown Yacht Basin or at a monthly membership meeting.

The rest of the trip was relatively uneventful, but quite

pleasant and fun. We spent two nights tied alongside a dock at the Tilghman Island Marina in Knapp's Narrows, where we connected with some extended family we don't often get to see. We were very fortunate to be able to take a tour of Poplar Island to observe firsthand the restoration project underway there.

Another topic of interest was the Star Spangled Spectacular celebrating the 200th anniversary of the writing of our National Anthem. We were able to catch both shows put on by the Navy's Blue Angels, and anchored with friends just outside of Fort McHenry for an unforgettable display of fireworks. Life is good! Boating is fun! Come join us, won't you?

Before I forget, I do have the official duties of Secretary to speak to. I am currently engaged in updating, and preparing to publish, the new Squadron Roster. If anyone has or is aware of any changes or updates, please send them to me at secretary@uspsdundalk.org, and I will incorporate them into the national and Squadron database.

Respectfully submitted,



USPS D5 Fall Educational Conference Hosted by Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron

If this conference is not on your schedule yet, it's time to put it there! Take a look at the conference material on the District 5 Website, pull up the registration form, fill it out and send it in. You'll be on your way to an excellent event with your friends from all the district squadrons. Remember that the costs are all inclusive.. **no extra taxes, fees or tips.**

An exciting event schedule is coming together. Everyone will be interested to try their hand at the latest high-tech instructional tool, known as Boating Safety Virtual Trainer, newly made available to USPS in 2014 and featured throughout the conference weekend for demonstration. This is a realistic boat handling experience without endangering gel coat, paint or varnish.

Members are invited to attend USPS University Seminars offered each afternoon on Friday and Saturday. Additionally, Instructors and interested members will be invited to share notes on USPS University's course and seminar offerings under each of the educational areas: Basic Boating, Inland Navigation, Offshore Navigation, Boat Handling, Marine Environment, Electro-Mechanical Systems, Instructor Development, and Boat Operator Certification / On-The-Water Training.

Squadron instructors are encouraged to bring along Teaching Aids to enter in this year's district competition; The Best-in-Show Aid will be entered into the national competition at USPS Annual Meeting in January. This is a great opportunity to share our good ideas and tools. Certified Instructors can also earn a four-year renewal of their credential by attending the 90-minute Re-certification Seminar.

The coveted Prince Henry and Caravel awards are conferred at the Saturday Evening Banquet & Awards Ceremony. Individual and squadron educational achievements will be recognized at an abbreviated conference meeting on Sun-day morning along with Chapman Award instructors recognized for excellence in teaching.

As you plan your travel to and from southwest Virginia there are some attractions that you might want to include. The National D-Day Memorial in Bedford is highly recommended. You may want to stop by Thomas Jefferson's Monticello near Charlottesville or his Poplar Forest retreat. Natural Bridge can be an interesting stop. For any Civil War buffs there are battlefield parks for the Wilder-ness Campaign, Manassas (Bull Run), Cedar Creek & Belle Grove, Petersburg, Richmond and Appomattox Court House that may be along your route.

The District 5 Website is the information source – uspsd5.org. The registration material is there and the schedule of events will be coming soon. Keep a sharp lookout as additional information continues to be posted.

D/Lt/C Randy Stow, AP



DISTRICT 5 SAIL REGATTA AND FALL FESTIVAL

11 - 13 October 2014 at Baltimore Yacht Club

Hosted by Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron

The Sail Regatta will take place on Sunday, 12 October in the nearby waters of Hawk Cove and the entrance to the Gunpowder River, just to the south of Poole's Island. The fishing derby will run on the same day with choice of trolling or live lining in the upper and middle bay areas. That day will conclude with the traditional awards dinner where tales of sailing sagas and excuses for not having fish will be presented.

For those interested in land based activities on Sunday, tours of Glen L. Martin Maryland Airport Air Museum, and historic Ballstone Mansion are available. Martin State Airport is the home of the 175 Tactical Air Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard. Baltimore Ballstone Mansion is a preserved farm dating to the 17th century. Both sites are within a five mile drive of our event. Please make your reservations ASAP!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please contact Bernie Karpers, 410-456-5534, if you can help out in any way.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, 11 October

1100 – 1700: Arrive by land or sea Saturday afternoon. & registration (pavilion)
1700-1800: Pitch-in welcome cocktail party at the Pavilion
1800-1930: Pizza party with complimentary soda, beer & wine (pavilion)

Sunday, 12 October

0800-1100: Registration (pavilion)
0830-0915: Continental Breakfast in the Island View Room in BYC club house
0915-0945: Skipper's meeting for sail race & fishing boat captains & anglers (pavilion)
1000: Sail & fishing boats depart
1300-1630: Land lubbers fun (for those who are not sailing or fishing) see attached
1800-1830: Cocktail party (cash bar) BYC lounge
1830-2015: Banquet & awards presentations

Monday, 13 October

0830: Continental breakfast (and maybe fish?) at the pavilion
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EVENT REGISTRATION FEE \$10.00/PERSON #----- \$ _____

SATURDAY ANGLER REGISTRATION \$10.00/ANGLER #----- \$-----

SATURDAY: PIZZA PARTY W/COMPLIMENTARY BEER

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SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

Calendar

Sept 26-28	Last Cruise of Summer at Georgetown Yacht Basin
October 11-13	DSPS is hosting the D5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival - at BYC
October 17	Membership Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting.
October 24-26	D5 Fall Education Conference at Smith Mountain Lake
October 31-November 2	Downrigging Weekend in Chestertown.
November 19	Membership Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting.
December 17	Annual Holiday Party / Meeting—BYC. Pitch in meeting.



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